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In re Application of:

Nishiya et al.

Application No. 10/607,916

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Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: June 27, 2003

For: MAGNETIC CARRIER FOR BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF AND ISOLATION METHOD OF BIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE USING SAME

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	AN	2002/0000398	A1	Skold	Jan. 3, 2002	June 26, 2001
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Doc. No.	Foreign Patent Document: Office	Foreign Patent Document: Application or Patent Number	Foreign Patent Document: Kind Code	Name of Patentee or Applicant	Date of Publication	Translation: Yes	Translation: No*+
	AP	EP	0 343 934	A2	ALCAN INTERNATIONAL LIMITED	Nov. 29, 1989		
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	AR	WO	00/32762	A1	Roche Diagnostics GmbH	June 8, 2000		X+
	AS	WO	01/14591	A1	Fox et al.	March 1, 2001		

OTHER - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Doc. No.	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number (s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	Translation: Yes	Translation: No*+

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